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SUBJ: NMA PLANNING FOR TRANCHE III EDUCATIONAL/CULTURAL
PROGRAM

REF: STATE 226041

1. SECOND MEETING SUPERVISORS AND ADMINISTRATORS EDUCATIONAL/
CULTURAL PORTION NMA HELD NOVEMBER 30. SCREENING COMMITTEES
SET UP SEVILLA, BARCELONA, MADRID FOR INTERVIEWING SPANISH
CANDIDATES. OVERALL ADVISORY/SELECTION COMMITTEE ALSO
DETERMINED.

2. IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT THIRD TRANCHE \$800,000 WILL BE
ADMINISTERED BY FULBRIGHT COMMISSION AS LAST YEAR (\$650,000
EXCHANGES, \$75,000 BICENTENNIAL HISTORY, \$25,000 AMERICAN
STUDIES CHAIR UNIVERSITY SALAMANCA, REMAINDER ADMINISTRATIVE
EXPENSES, RESERVE, AND POSSIBLE RENEWAL -AT LOWER LEVEL-
MENENDEZ PIDAL PROJECT.)

3. DIEGO CATALAN AND STUDENTS MET NOVEMBER 30 WITH CAO TO
DISCUSS MENENDEZ PIDAL TRANCHE II PROJECT AND RESULTS UP
TO DATE. REPORT FROM CATALAN FOLLOWS.

4. SUPERVISORS AGREED STUDY ANY VALID REQUEST FROM
AMERICAN ACADEMICIANS INTERESTED CARRY ON RESEARCH IN
SPAIN. RECOMMEND THAT PROCEDURE BE SAME AS IF CANDIDATE
APPLYING FOR FULBRIGHT GRANT. NO AMOUNT PLACED THIS
CATEGORY ALTHOUGH WILL FALL WITHIN \$650,000 FOR EXCHANGES.

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PREFER STUDY THESE PROJECTS ON CASE BASIS.

5. MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS NOT RECEIVED PETITION RENEWAL STERLING PROJECT FROM MINED. AS DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE IT NOW APPEARS NO MONEY AVAILABLE FROM EITHER EDUCATIONAL/CULTURAL OR SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY TRANCHE III FUNDS. THIS SUBJECT ALSO DISCUSSED NOVEMBER 30 MEETING. ALL MONEY NOW BASICALLY COMMITTED. FEELING HERE IS THAT MINED COULD COMMIT ITS OWN FUNDS PPBS IF DESIRE CONTINUANCE.

6. SUPERVISORS, COMMISSION AND EMBASSY SEE NO REASON HOLLY VISIT THIS TIME. CAN DISCUSS SUBJECTS WITH BELA HIS UPCOMING VISIT U.S. JANUARY 7-8.
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